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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: IMPROVEMENT TO THE PROCESS FOR  
GOLD AND SILVER LEACHING WITH  
THIOUREA SOLUTIONS

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 (FINAL OFFICE ACTION)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 4, 2009 in the above-captioned case.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.